

1 SPECIAL OPERATIONS AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

The 1 Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mission is to generate combat capability in the form of safe and reliable special mission aircraft. 1 Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is responsible for maintenance on all fixed wing aircraft located at Hurlburt Field to include the AC-130H and AC-130U, and the MC-130H, and C-130E.

The squadron performs on-equipment flight line tasks to include daily launch and recovery, pre- and post-flight serviceability inspections, systems troubleshooting, aircraft system repair and minor modifications. The squadron is organized into three aircraft maintenance units (4, 15, and 16 Aircraft Maintenance Units) and the squadron support staff.

The 4 Aircraft Maintenance Unit maintains the AC-130U and supports training and contingency requirements of the 4 and 19 Special Operations Squadrons. The 15 Aircraft Maintenance Unit maintains the MC-130H and supports the 15 Special Operations Squadron. The 16 Aircraft Maintenance Unit maintains the AC-130H and C-130E and supports the 6 and 16 Special Operations Squadrons.

LINEAGE

16 Mobile Reclamation & Repair Squadron constituted, 25 Oct 1943

Activated, 1 Nov 1943

Redesignated 16 Mobile Reclamation & Repair Squadron, Heavy, 17 Jul 1944

Inactivated, 21 Nov 1945

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 16 Aircraft Generation Squadron, 31 Jul 1985

Activated, 1 Oct 1995

Redesignated 16 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 1 Oct 2002

Redesignated 1 Special Operations Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 16 Nov 2006

STATIONS

Snetterton Heath, England, 1 Nov 1943
Wattisham, England, 31 Dec 1943
Hitcham, England, 1 May 1944-21 Nov 1945
Hurlburt Field, Florida, 1 Oct 1995

ASSIGNMENTS

VIII Air Force Service Command, 1 Nov 1943
3 Air Division, 12 Aug-21 Nov 1945
16 Logistics (later, 16th Maintenance; 1st Special Operations Maintenance) Group, 1 Oct 1995

ATTACHMENTS

VIII Air Technical Service Command [Provisional] 20 Jul-12 Aug 1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II
European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor
1 Jun 1997-31 May 1999
1 Jul 2003-30 Jun 2005
1 Jul 2006-30 Jun 2007

Meritorious Unit Awards

1 Jul 2007-30 Jun 2009
1 Oct 2009-30 Sep 2011
1 Oct 2011-30 Sep 2013
1 Oct 2013-30 Sep 2015

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

1 Jul 1999-30 Jun 2001
1 Jul 2001-30 Jun 2003
1 Sep 2004-31 Aug 2006

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Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The gear divided black and blue has sixteen teeth. It alludes to day and night support provided by the Squadron to its parent unit. The bow armed with a dagger reflects the combat readiness and precision with which the unit handles special operations assets. The dagger denotes the unit's heritage. The four arrows represent the combat support provided by the unit and also the four original aircraft maintenance units.

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OPERATIONS

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